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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT<sup>1</sup>

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Plaintiff, )

vs. )

**JUSTIN RILEY  
BRAFFORD,** )

Defendant. )

CRIMINAL NO. 18-3661 JCH

49 U.S.C. § 46504: Interference with  
Flight Crew Members and  
Attendants.

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

On or about October 16, 2018, , in the District of New Mexico, the defendant, **JUSTIN RILEY BRAFFORD**, on an aircraft in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States, namely Southwest Airlines flight 859 en route from Los Angeles, California, to Dallas, Texas, did knowingly interfere with the performance of the duties of C.K., a flight attendant of the aircraft, and lessen the ability of the flight crew to perform its duties, by intimidating the flight attendant, specifically by refusing to comply with necessary safety and seating requirements, by behaving in an uncooperative, aggressive, and belligerent manner such that warranted diversion of the flight from Los Angeles, California, to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In violation 49 U.S.C. § 46504.

A TRUE BILL:

  
Assistant United States Attorney

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY